

## SYLVESTER PRAISED BY BRIGHTWOOD MEN

Citizens' Association Tenders  
the Major a Reception.

### HIS SERVICES COMMENDED

Lieutenant Kenney Recounts Some of  
the Things Accomplished by the  
Chief in the Tenth District.

Major Richard Sylvester, chief of the Metropolitan police force, was the guest of honor at the monthly meeting of the Brightwood Citizens' Association, held in Brightwood Hotel last evening. The largest number of members ever present at a meeting attended last night.

President Louis F. Shoemaker presided and when everyone was accommodated with seats or standing room he called the meeting to order and said:

"We tender Major Sylvester this evening a reception under the auspices of the Brightwood Citizens' Association, not merely because he fills the office of Major of the Police Department, but because he has proven himself to be more than a mere acceptable officer. Any man who conducts with credit and capability the office he has been called upon to take to the satisfaction of the authorities and the people is entitled to our appreciation, but when he does more, as Major Sylvester has done, he is entitled to our esteem, respect, and admiration. He has gone beyond the mere perfunctory performance of duty by applying tact, ingenuity, capacity, and ability. He has dealt with, and he no doubt will in the future deal with, logic, the science of the theory, so to speak, of his important office. Such an official is the ideal of the Brightwood Association. [Applause.] By following his example, every citizen can, in our estimation, become more than a mere business man and taxpayer."

An Admirable Citizen.

"Our association advocates as its model not only good citizenship and attention to personal matters, but in addition thereto some evidence of public spirit and a determined desire to advance the general welfare. This spirit and sentiment has animated our organization. We have had, and I hope we will continue to have, not only a citizens' association for Brightwood, but an association for the District of Columbia, our National Capital City. We are not unmindful of local interests and we have sought to exert our influence and energy in behalf of the entire District. We believe that this desire should animate every organization of like character in the District for the accomplishment of the best results. We, therefore, welcome Major Sylvester, not merely as a capable officer, but as an admirable citizen." [Applause.]

Lieut. John Kenney, commanding the Tenth precinct, Brightwood, was the next speaker. He mentioned a few of the many things that Major Sylvester had done to improve the police service in that district, and in the course of his address he enumerated seventeen or more extraordinary things, viz:

What He Accomplished.

A complete system of patrol box communication between all parts of the precinct.

Extension of bicycle service to territory north of Florida Avenue.

Increased service in duty of mounted officers of the precinct. The new assignment of them, demanding greater radius of action and bringing them in closer touch with more remote portions of the District.

The residents within the boundaries of the present Tenth precinct, through their citizens' associations, requested establishment of a substation. The Major recommended a completely furnished precinct station, with up-to-date equipments and complete system of patrol. The first arguments produced by him to Congress brought what is now known as the model station in the District of Columbia.

The division of the large territory of the Tenth precinct was the result of his own unaided efforts to give, as far as his limited force allowed, the protection demanded on account of the wonderful development of one of the most valuable sections of the District of Columbia.

Visited every part of the precinct both day and night, on foot, horseback, and in his buggy, until he knew by heart the police needs of residents of the proposed new precinct, and he furthered those interests at once.

Whenever possible, re-enforced the service of the precinct by details of experienced officers from other sections of the department.

He has, by personal effort and example, encouraged the men of the precincts to reach the maximum of efficiency.

The placing of post duty policemen in

all outlying subdivisions or prominent points, near a patrol box, where quick service and intelligent action can be demanded at all times.

### Consideration for Policemen.

He abolished the obnoxious "dog watch" and reduced the hours of duty and "reserve" for the men under his command, which benefits their health and gives them more time for rest and to be with their families.

Encouraged gymnasium work and formulated new equipments in keeping with the capital and modern times.

He established a battery with a rapid-fire gun and encouraged revolver practice and friendly competition with citizens.

Established the House of Detention and made it what it is—a model institution—which resulted in the juvenile court.

He has inaugurated a friendly feeling between the police and the boys of the precinct.

He has appropriate covering made for patrol wagons to avoid humiliation to prisoners.

And last, but by no means least, he is an advocate of living wages for his men, and has established thorough co-operation between the detective bureau and the precincts.

### Major Sylvester's Response.

William J. Lambert introduced a resolution expressing approval of Major Sylvester's official conduct, and tendering him the hearty support of the association.

The resolution was unanimously adopted, and Major Sylvester was cheered and applauded to the echo by those present. In a modest address he thanked Mr. Shoemaker and the members of the association for the pleasure of attending the meeting, and what they had said in regard to him in his official capacity. He stated that he would endeavor always to merit their approval and retain their esteem.

Louis P. Shoemaker then offered a resolution relative to the good work done by Chairman Babcock, of the House Committee for the District, in securing the opening of Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Sixteenth streets northwest. It was resolved "that the thanks of the association should be expressed to Mr. Babcock and the members of his committee for their careful consideration of District of Columbia matters as evidenced by said admirable report."

John A. Saul presented a resolution relating to the car tracks on Brightwood Avenue, and it was decided to inform the District Commissioners of the dangerous condition of the tracks.

Mr. Shoemaker introduced a resolution in regard to the death of Charles A. Corey, his secretary, who had often attended the meetings of the association and offered valuable suggestions affecting Brightwood.

### Commendation of The Times.

It is believed that the effort on the part of Congress to make certain costly improvements in the District is not only unjust and unfair, but unbusinesslike, and the Brightwood citizens assert that it would not be attempted or tolerated by any other municipality.

It was therefore resolved "that the association express its appreciation of the action taken and the editorials published by The Times, whereby the injustice was shown and every effort made to correct and prevent this purpose on the part of Congress."

Resolutions were also offered for a request to be made of the Washington Gas Light Company to extend its gas main north from Umattila Street, on Brightwood Avenue, to the District line, and to inform the Health Officer and B. H. Warner of the existence of a stagnant pool of water on his property on Umattila Street.

Several other minor resolutions were adopted before the adjournment. Invitations had been sent to all of the police lieutenants of the city, and the majority of them attended and gave Major Sylvester a rousing reception when he entered.

Among the other invited guests were Col. Benjamin Holman, Col. E. B. Townsend, president of the Mount Pleasant Citizens' Association; C. C. Lancaster, president of the Northwest Citizens' Association; William M. Ritchie, of Virginia; Judges Ivory G. Kimball and Charles Scott, Thomas G. Hensley, J. Vance Lewis, H. S. Knight, H. S. Jones, Edward Landvoigt, W. O. Ray, Robert Burch, of New York, and John S. Keene.

### DETERMINED TO END LIFE

#### HE STRANGLED HIMSELF

The lifeless body of George Nicholson, an aged colored man, who conducted a barber shop at 48½ H Street northwest, was found late yesterday afternoon hanging from a cross beam in a small building in the rear of the shop. The knees were drawn up so that they just escaped touching the floor, five feet below the beam.

Nicholson was well known in the neighborhood, having been established in business in H Street for about eight years. Within the past few months his patronage has fallen off much, and it is believed that this caused despondency. He is not known to have had any relatives.

### PUBLIC WORK ORDERED.

The District Commissioners have authorized the following items of public work through the Engineer Department: That the time for the completion of contract with the Brennan Construction Company for the Nurses' Home at the Providence Hospital be extended six months without penalty or cost of inspection.

That five hydrants be erected at Florida Avenue and Tenth Street, Thirteenth and Linden Streets, and Fourteenth and H Streets northeast, at an estimated total cost of \$210.

## NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM NEARBY STATES

### VIRGINIA NOTES.

#### NORFOLK.

#### Murderer and Suicide.

Recent developments tend to the belief that Giacomo Gatto, the Italian who committed suicide at Norfolk this week, was prompted by remorse. The story is that Gatto, with two other Italians, was implicated in a murder in Marseilles, France, in 1896. Gatto escaped, it is said, but the others convicted are now serving thirty-year sentences.

#### Dying, Acquits His Brother.

Lying in St. Vincent's Hospital, in Norfolk, yesterday, from pistol wounds inflicted by his brother, Benjamin Adams, of West Norfolk, made a statement which completely exonerates his brother Percy. The wounded man asked the brother to forgive him for what he had done, saying he would have killed Percy had he not fired the fatal shot.

#### Walker Jury Disagrees.

For the fourth time the jury in the case of Levi P. Walker, being tried at Norfolk, failed to agree. Walker, a year ago shot and killed Walter Gray and seriously wounded Walter Shipp on account of statements they made concerning his sister.

#### A Socialist Club.

Socialists have founded a club in Norfolk.

#### Violated Sunday Law.

At Norfolk E. O. Lambert was fined \$100 yesterday on a charge of violating the law by selling liquor on Sunday.

#### Heptasophs' Convention.

The Grand Lodge of Heptasophs decided to hold its next convention February 1904, in Norfolk. A called meeting will be held to codify its laws.

#### RICHMOND.

#### No Carfare for Councilmen.

Mayor Taylor, of Richmond, yesterday vetoed the ordinance providing that the city pay the carfare of members of the council, not to exceed \$50 a year a member.

#### To Be Buried in Richmond.

Rev. Dr. J. L. M. Curry, who died at Asheville, Thursday night, will be buried in Hollywood Cemetery tomorrow afternoon. The body will arrive here in the morning and will lie in state until the afternoon in the chapel of Richmond College, of which Dr. Curry was long president.

#### Judge Campbell Testifies.

Judge Clarence J. Campbell, of Amherst county, went on the stand in his own defense at Richmond yesterday. The judge made an excellent witness, and, as questioned by Major Conrad, he took up specification after specification of the charges against himself. He was graphic in his description of the horse-whipping of Dr. Crawford.

#### Judge Barksdale Convalescent.

Judge W. R. Barksdale, of Halifax, who had an operation performed in a Richmond hospital, is getting well and will likely be out soon.

#### John Skelton Williams Improving.

President John Skelton Williams, of the Seaboard Air Line, who has been sick in Richmond, is improving under treatment of Dr. George Ben Johnston.

#### President of Richmond Bar.

R. Carter Scott has been elected president of the Richmond Bar Association.

### THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

#### Married After Twenty Years.

T. V. Weller of Indiana, formerly of Augusta county Va., and Mrs. Ida L. Davis were married Thursday evening at Staunton. Over twenty years ago Mr. Weller and Mrs. Davis, whose maiden name was Miss Ida Kyle, were engaged, but by some misunderstanding they separated.

#### Bound by Masonic Ties.

A large delegation of Philadelphia Masons arrived at Fredericksburg yesterday in a special Pullman car, and last night attended a regular meeting of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4. Later they were entertained at a banquet by the lodge.

#### Bride Older Than Groom's Mother.

James Thompson, aged twenty-two years, and Lizzie Akers, aged forty-three, were married at Auburn a few days ago. For years they had been sweethearts. The bride is six months older than the groom's mother, and is a sister of the groom's grandmother's brother's wife.

#### Colonel Hoge Rallies.

The family of Col. J. Hampton Hoge were aroused from their slumbers before daylight yesterday morning to see Colonel Hoge die, the doctors having relinquished all hope. But he rallied, and has gained throughout the day.

#### A McNeil Ranger Dead.

Edgar A. Doolin White died at his home near Marmion Thursday, aged about sixty years. He was a member of McNeil's celebrated rangers, and was one of the party under Capt. Jesse McNeil that captured the Federal Generals Crook and Kelly in Cumberland, Md., at the hotel.

#### Mills-Thomas.

Henry F. Mills of Caroline county and Lucy E. Thomas of Spotsylvania

county were married Thursday at the clerk's office at Spotsylvania Court-house.

#### Walk in Jail Without Bail.

Policeman G. M. Walk, whose preliminary trial was concluded in Bristol yesterday for the murder of Policeman Childress last Sunday, was sent to prison without the privilege of bail.

#### Mrs. John Horn Dead.

Mrs. John Horn, of Rockbridge Baths, died Thursday morning. She was a daughter of James Anderson, and was in her seventy-ninth year.

#### New Enterprise for Major Sands.

A special car was sent to Salisbury, N. C., yesterday, to bring Major Sands, the late general superintendent of the Southern Railway, to Roanoke. It is understood Major Sands will open up a colliery at Widemouth, the terminal of a branch of the Norfolk and Western.

#### Hurt in Runaway.

Mrs. J. B. Ambroselli, her sister, Mrs. Ford, of Portsmouth, and her daughter, Mrs. Joseph C. Cook, while out driving at Roanoke, late Friday evening, were thrown from their carriage. Mrs. Ambroselli was badly injured, and may not recover.

#### Mrs. John M. Lupton Dead.

Mrs. John M. Lupton died at Gordonsville yesterday of pneumonia, at the age of eighty-two years.

### MARYLAND NOTES.

#### ANNAPOLIS.

#### Banquet to Honor Ladies.

An elaborate banquet was given last evening by Annapolis Lodge of Masons at Carvel Hall Hotel in honor of the ladies who helped in the recent Masonic fair. The guests numbered 150 persons.

#### Honor Retiring Mentor.

Hon. John L. Chew, on retiring yesterday from St. John's College, Annapolis, was presented with a handsome silver pitcher by the students through their classmate, A. W. Woodcock.

#### Justice of the Peace.

The governor has appointed James Roache a justice of the peace in St. Mary county.

#### On Recruiting Duty.

Lieut. E. A. Beach has been detached from the Naval Academy and ordered to the Wabash, at Boston, to recruit a crew for the new monitor Nevada.

#### An Organ Recital.

An organ recital was given last night at St. Anne's Church, Annapolis, by K. Otto Stopp, choralmaster, assisted by Mrs. Harry Price, soprano soloist, of Baltimore.

### THE STATE IN GENERAL.

#### Jacob Tome Institute.

The trustees of the Jacob Tome Institute at Port Deposit have decided to erect three houses on the institute campus as homes for professors. The trustees have decided to carry out still further the plans for the beautifying of the grounds. The new improvements will cost a large sum.

#### Bank Loses Suit.

A suit in the circuit court at Belair which attracted a great deal of interest this week was the case of the Commercial and Farmers' National Bank of Baltimore vs. J. Lawrence McCormick. The jury rendered a verdict in favor of Mr. McCormick.

#### Somerset Educators.

The annual meeting of the Somerset County Teachers' Association was held in Washington High School, Princess Anne, yesterday. The president, Fred E. Gardner, made the annual address.

#### Midwinter Ball.

The midwinter ball was given in Masonic Hall, Hyattsville, last night and

was attended by several hundred guests from Washington, Baltimore, and the contiguous towns and counties.

#### Funeral at Havre De Grace.

Emma Deppish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Deppish, of Havre de Grace, who died Wednesday, was buried yesterday.

#### Patuxent Planters.

The Patuxent Planters' Club, of Prince George county, met at Concord, the home of J. B. Berry, near Seat Pleasant, Wednesday.

#### Chestertown Smallpox Cases.

Dr. G. W. C. Rohrer, of the Baltimore City Hospital, has been engaged to attend the smallpox cases in Chestertown at \$10 a day. A house is being erected near the pesthouses, where he will reside.

#### Throat Paralyzed.

Samuel Merritt of Chestertown was paralyzed in the throat a few days ago and lies very ill at his room in the Voshell House. He is about seventy years of age.

#### Charged With Horse Stealing.

John Brookins, colored, is in Chestertown jail charged with stealing a horse from the farm of Edward Lueby, near Chestertown, killing the animal and selling the hide, which was recognized in a butcher's shop.

#### Work of Burglars.

At Five Forks, on the Western Maryland Railroad, the warehouse of S. J. George was entered and a lot of goods carried off. The dwelling of E. N. Snyder was also entered. A case in which the Western Maryland Railroad tickets were kept was broken open, but, so far as known, none was taken.

#### Teacher's Sudden Death.

Ora Montgomery, daughter of Washington Montgomery of Westernport, Allegany county, and a teacher in the Westernport school, fell down the school steps yesterday afternoon and was killed. Her neck was broken by the fall.

#### Josephine Stewart Dead.

Josephine Stewart, daughter of the late Judge James A. Stewart of the Maryland court of appeals, died at her home in Cambridge Thursday morning about 1 o'clock.

#### Death of William Denver.

William Denver died at his home in Elkton last night of pneumonia, aged fifty-five years.

#### Flowers to Cover the Pall.

In the funeral of Vida Bender, a little daughter of Albert Bender, in Frostburg, the pallbearers and flowerbearers were little girls. A basket of handsome roses and a costly heart design were presented by the pupils of Prof. D. A. Boyle's school, of which the little girl was a pupil.

#### Joseph Lorentz Dead.

Joseph Lorentz of Middletown died at his home Friday night from blood poisoning, aged about eighty years.

### TAX EXEMPTION FAVORED

FOR LOCAL ART GALLERIES

Favorable action has been recommended on Senate bill 7131 by the District Commissioners. This bill provides for exemption from taxation of the Corcoran Art Gallery and other like institutions. The Commissioners suggest an amendment to the effect that such galleries of art shall be open to the public free for at least two hours on two days of each week.

### COMPLIMENTARY RECITAL.

A recital has been tendered the Men's Club of Memorial Lutheran Church in the chapel, Vermont Avenue and N Street northwest, Monday evening, by William F. Green, violin; Herbert D. Lawsch, bass, and Paul W. Fishbaugh, piano.

## NEWS OF RAILROADS AND OF RAILROAD MEN

### Baltimore and Ohio Earnings.

The treasurer of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad issued yesterday the January comparative financial statement for that system, which includes the Baltimore and Ohio main line, the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern, the Ohio River division, West Virginia Short Line, Pittsburgh and Western, Pittsburgh, Painesville and Fairport, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and Toledo, and the Pittsburgh Junction railroads. A comparative statement for seven months is also given.

For January, 1903, the gross earnings were \$4,808,566, as against \$4,750,905 for the corresponding month of 1902, an increase of \$57,661. For the same period, expenses, \$3,155,586, as against \$3,181,175 for 1902, a decrease of \$25,589. Net earnings, same period, 1903, \$1,652,980, as against \$1,569,730 for 1902, an increase of \$83,250.

For seven months: Gross earnings, 1903, \$36,477,207, as against \$34,250,672 for 1902, an increase of \$2,226,535. Expenses, \$22,627,623, as against \$21,256,116 for 1902, an increase of \$1,371,507. Net earnings, \$13,849,584, as against \$12,994,556, an increase of \$855,028.

### Pennsylvania Annual Report.

More than ordinary interest will be taken in the Pennsylvania report for 1902, as the statement will contain additional information for figuring the basis of the directors' request for additional capital. Exact figures as to what amount of income has been appropriated for betterments during the past year will be interesting, as the question of additional capital hinges on what has already been accomplished and what it is proposed to expend.

The Pennsylvania spends its earnings for betterments, and as a result its business has grown far in excess of facilities. The report will give the figures necessary to make a comparison between capital increases and increases in passenger and freight revenue. Conservative railroad men are of opinion that the statement will cover the position of the company in such a comprehensive manner that there will be no reason to doubt that the business of the company has outgrown its present capacity and extensive improvements are imperative. At present the Pennsylvania is making every possible effort to hold as much of the present overflow as will be profitable, and the present financial condition, volume of earnings and the ability with which the entire system is managed mark the highest development of railroad organization.

### Vice President and General Manager.

Charles Nielson of Relay station has been elected vice president and general manager of the Queen Anne's Railroad Company and placed in charge of the operating end of the railroad, which bisects Maryland's eastern shore. Mr. Nielson is well known in Washington, having served as Second Assistant Postmaster General through President Cleveland's second term. Before he served the Government Mr. Nielson was connected with the Northern Pacific, Erie and Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton roads in official capacities. He is an efficient officer.

### Two Tourist Parties.

The Pennsylvania road brought two special tourist parties to Washington this week. Fifty students from the Friends' Select School, Philadelphia, spent Thursday and Friday in Washington viewing points of interest in studying history. Another party of two hundred tourists from New York State are in the city for a few days' visit for sight-seeing purposes.

### Resigns as Traveling Passenger Agent.

A circular issued by the Central of Georgia road announces the resignation of R. C. Rogers, traveling passenger agent of that line, with headquarters at Montgomery, Ala.

A circular issued by the Atlantic Coast Line announces Mr. Rogers' appointment to a similar position with that line, and assigning him to duty at Jacksonville, Fla., his territory to extend over the Savannah, Florida and

Western division. Mr. Rogers is well known in Washington.

### Change in Officers and Directors.

A dispatch to The Times from Cumberland states:

"The board of directors of the Hollidaysburg and West Virginia Railroad Company met in Bedford Thursday. Hon. John M. Reynolds, David Reighard and William Lauder resigned from the board. John P. Green and Samuel Rea were elected to fill the vacancies. Mr. Rea was made president of the board."

"The assurance has been given that the railroad will be completed within the next ten months, and that trains will be running over the route by that time on regular schedules. The company is said to be buying ties at this time and having same delivered at convenient points along the line."

"The resignation of Messrs. Reynolds, Reighard and Lauder and the election of Messrs. Green and Rea places the road in the hands of Pennsylvania Railroad officials. Messrs. Blackburn and McGraw remain on the board. A corps of engineers is at work near Osterburg. Every indication is toward the early completion of the line. Mr. Dewarren H. Reynolds, Cumberland, is a director in the road, which, it is said, will be an important link in the new Baltimore and Ohio operations in southern Pennsylvania."

"This is a line in the proposed cut-off which the Baltimore and Ohio is building from Hancock, Md., via Bedford, Pa., to a point on the Pittsburgh division. The purpose is to shorten the route to Pittsburgh from Baltimore, and the old South Penn project is utilized in this connection."

### Interchangeable Mileage Bureau.

Local passenger men are discussing the rumorm sent out from New York concerning a movement made this week by officials of passenger departments of several trunk lines. It is said they decided to form a trunk line interchangeable mileage bureau, to be put into operation as soon as possible, possibly within the next two months.

Sumner S. Collins, of Salisbury, N. C., general superintendent of the Southern Railway's Western district, who has been here for the past week consulting with the general managers, returned home this afternoon. Although with the road but two weeks, Mr. Collins has demonstrated his fitness for the position.

The announcement was made yesterday that Col. Henry G. Proust, for the past sixteen years editor of the "Railroad Gazette," would retire to become vice president and general manager of the Union Switch and Signal Company. Concerning Colonel Proust's connection with the "Railroad Gazette," that journal says: "During sixteen years he has been the editor in fact as well as in name. The proprietors have given him a free hand and cordial and loyal support. They have given him complete responsibility within his department and backed it with generous confidence. Of his work: First, it has been to treat the railroad calling as a profession, and to help establish the principles and traditions of that profession. Second, it has been to help to clear railroad journalism from pedantry and pretentiousness, and to keep it in close touch with the best men in the actual work of the profession."

### GRANT ROAD IMPROVEMENT

#### NOT NOW PRACTICABLE

Francis Trigg and others, who petitioned the District Commissioners for the improvement of Grant Road, Tenleytown, will be informed that it is not practicable to do any work beyond scraping the roadway and benefiting it as much as possible by minor repairs. A report on the matter by the superintendent of roads says this road is to be abandoned under the street extension plans throughout its length, and for that reason he is not in favor of laying permanent sidewalks. The total distance is 3,500 feet, and of this curb has been set 1,000 feet, and a board